

Law: defined as the principles and regulations established in a community by authority and applicable to its people, whether in the form of legislation or of custom and policies recognized and enforced by judicial decision. It goes without saying, laws exist to ensure the safest possible life for all people. When a law is broken there are consequences that have to be paid. These consequences consist of punishment, protection for the people against the offender, and rehabilitation.

When I broke the law each of these aspects were instituted within my case. I was incarcerated and my driving privileges were revoked for one year. With that revocation, the public would be kept safe from me repeating that offense for the next year. And my alcohol counseling was my rehabilitation to ensure that when my punishment was lifted, I would shift from a cost to society to being a contributing member of it there in no longer being a threat to it.

But now a little more than 3 years later today, the current law in Connecticut calls for a re-institution of my original punishment. Even though it has been proven that I not only served out my sentencing from the court and all its requirements, but have proven that I was rehabilitated effectively by not repeating my offense within the 2 years I was able to drive, the current law deems none of that important.

If the purpose of the law is to eliminate a loophole or technicality that allows out-of-state drivers to not serve their sentencing because they drive mostly in their home state, then it makes perfect sense. But when my privileges were revoked I was told that it would be put on a national registry and if I drove anywhere I would go back to jail. So I did not drive and therefore the current law was upheld without Connecticut formally instituting it in my case. But again the law deems that irrelevant to my case and others like it.

What is point to having constitutional rights if we have laws that blatantly violate them? In what way does this current law not violate my protection from Double Jeopardy and from cruel and unusual punishment?

The purpose of suspending my license was to punish me for the transgression I had committed, ensure the safety of other drivers, and encourage my rehabilitation and future good-samaritanism. These goals have been achieved by the sentence already served, as evinced by my record in the 3 years since. The judgment in DRS-2010-339 is detrimental, therefore, not only to me, but to the state. I am a good citizen: I work, I vote, I contribute to society. Suspending my license will hinder my ability to do these things, while bringing about no social good in return.

It is for these reasons that I ask the bill no.6207 be passed.

Thank you for your time,

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